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Sir:

This is a response to the Communication dated July 13, 1992. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the teleconference held with the Examiner on July 22, 1992 with respect to the procedure for amending the claims and for numbering the new claims.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On the first page, before the first line, please delete the sentence "This is a [ ] continuation, [x] division, of application Serial No. 496,915, filed May 23, 1983" and insert therefor -- This is a division of application Serial No. 496,915, filed May 23, 1983, issued December 8, 1987 as U.S. Patent No. 4,711,955. Application Serial No. 496,915 is in turn a continuation of application Serial No. 255,223, filed April 17, 1981, now abandoned.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 125 and 140 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

104. (Twice Amended) The method of claim [125] 140 wherein said contacting further comprises contacting said sample

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